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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 35 mailed December 15, 2006 (copy enclosed), submitted herewith is the Inventor's Declaration and our Check No. 26328 which includes the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the surcharge fee for the Declaration.

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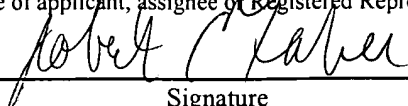
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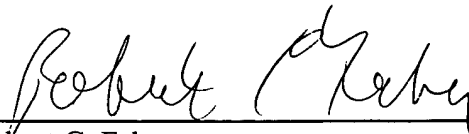


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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/22/2005
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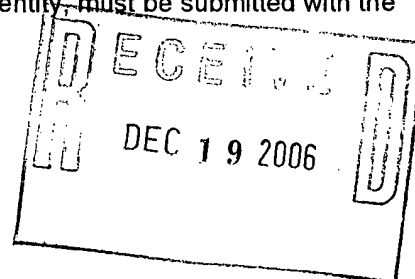
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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